

Monsieur Bigot regarding the instructions to be given the Sieur de Celoron for his conduct in all respects.

Monsieur the Comte de La Galissonnière also thought it would be advisable to appoint a sedentary commandant at Michilimakinac, who would have authority over all the Northern posts; but he stated at the same time that the difficulty of getting provisions there made it necessary to defer such appointment to another time. You will inquire into what should be done in that respect and I will await your report.

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1749: POSTS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY

[Letter from La Jonquière and Bigot to the French minister, dated Sept. 28, 1749. MS. in Archives Coloniales, Paris; pressmark, "Canada, Correspondence générale, C 11, vol. 93, folio 19."]

MONSEIGNEUR—We have seen, by the Letter you did us the honor of Writing us on May 4 last regarding the Exploitation of the posts of the Upper country, that the King had approved of those posts being exploited in future by licenses with the exception of those of Themiskamingue, Nepigon, Camanistiguouya, Michipicoton and la pointe Chagouamigon, on the condition that the Exploitation of no post shall be given to the officers.

This measure, Monseigneur, is the best way of maintaining abundance and low prices and thereby preventing the savage from taking his furs to the English. We shall comply with these orders And Monsieur de Lajonquiere will take from the proceeds of the Licenses and leases 10,000 livres only for the amount his Majesty is pleased to continue to have distributed amongst the poor families of the Colony, and will put the surplus in the Treasury. But he will not be in position for some time to follow out this arrangement, as he must first pay what he owes out of the proceeds.